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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended by petition and appropriate fee. Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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